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**Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A CONTINUOUS THERMOPLASTIC COATING & ARTICLES CONSTRUCTED THEREFROM**

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This paper is in response to the Office Action of 5-15-00.

**AMENDMENT**

Cancel claims 43 & 45 without prejudice. Amend claims 1, 33, 44 & 46 and add claims 47-54 as follows:

- (forming a continuous film on a substrate)?
1. (3X amended) A method of coating a thermoplastic composition onto a substrate, said method comprising the steps of:
- providing a molten thermoplastic composition;
  - advancing a substrate along a path;
  - dispensing a continuous film of said thermoplastic composition from a coating device at a coating temperature wherein [the complex viscosity of] the thermoplastic composition [is] has a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/seconds at the coating temp. and a complex viscosity ranging[es] from about 100 poise to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temp.,
  - suspending said film between said coating device and said substrate; and
  - contacting said film with said advancing substrate.